

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment, the concurrently filed RCE and the remarks set forth below.

The continued rejection of claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly anticipated by Brown et al. '551 is again respectfully traversed.

The Examiner is thanked for providing a response to applicant's earlier arguments so as to advance the dialog with the applicant.

The independent claims have been above amended so as to even more particularly specify that the role of the duplicate master is switchable between duplicated objects when a previous duplicate master becomes unavailable (e.g., see specification at page 13, lines 13-24).

The Examiner states that Brown discloses a system in which the role of duplicate master is switchable between said duplicated objects, citing column 3, line 60 to column 4, line 6, where is stated that:

"the processor of each remote computer is also operative to reconcile the master copy of the document with the local copy of the document of the user as well as detect and provide for the resolution of conflicts that may arise during the reconciliation procedure".

However, if the server which holds the master copy and the master control file becomes unavailable then a local copy does not become the master. Instead, the master copy and master control file is rebuilt by the server from the local copies (e.g., see column 15, lines 49 to 21).

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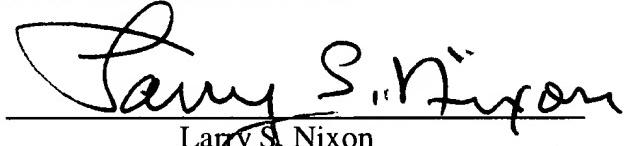
Thus Brown does not disclose a system in which the role of the duplicate master is switchable between duplicated objects when a previous duplicate master becomes unavailable. If the duplicate master, i.e., the master control file, becomes unavailable, then editing must stop until it is reconstructed.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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